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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 6, 2002 Applicant calls the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated June 6, 2002 for corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 02 00 4773, to the Examiner's attention:

European Patent Application No. EP 0 944 003 A, published on September 22, 1999;
PCT Publication No. WO 01/72020 A2, published on September 27, 2001; and
U.S. Patent No. 5,506,832 to ARSHI et al., issued on April 9, 1996.

Applicant notes that the category of relevance of each of the above-mentioned documents with respect to the various claims of the European application, as well as the relevant passages of these documents, is as discussed in the European Search Report, a copy

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of which is attached hereto. Patent family members are listed on the Annex to the European Search Report.

Further, Applicant notes that in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 6, 2002, U.S. Patent No. 5,828,839 and its continuation, U.S. Patent No. 6,061,716, were cited. Applicant notes that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,758,079; 5,802,294; 5,854,893; 5,867,654; 5,687,641; and 5,915,091 are patent family members of these previously submitted patents. The Examiner is invited to obtain and review these documents, however, copies of these documents are not listed on the attached PTO 1449 Form nor are they being submitted herewith as it is assumed that their disclosure is substantially similar to the disclosures of the documents which have been previously submitted.

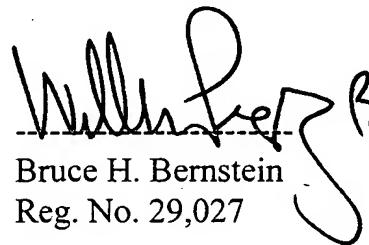
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further, Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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